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LETTER DATED 20 OCTOBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that at 1300 hours on 3 October 1999, Kuwaiti naval forces committed acts of piracy against three Iraqi boats that were putting out to sea from Khawr al-Zubayr. The boats were detained and taken to Kuwaiti ports.

I request you to intervene with Kuwait in order to ensure that those boats are returned forthwith and that there is no repetition of such provocative acts, which are in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of international law. The Republic of Iraq affirms its right to seek compensation for the damage caused by such acts of aggression, in accordance with the principle of international responsibility.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saeed H. HASAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

